GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2933
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IMPORT DUTY EXEMPTION
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) : Whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has made a request forwaiving-off the import duty over the purchase of ten thousand Japanese Light Weight Orchard Machinery for spraying and jetting agro-chemicals(Maruyama Ms 160 EMM) to be imported from Japan in order to promote horticulture and saving the fruit trees from the infestation of pests; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The request was duly considered. However, the same could not be acceded to in view of the amended provisions of Section 25(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, which has restricted the Government`s powers for exemption in particular cases & the request falls outside the scope of the said Section.